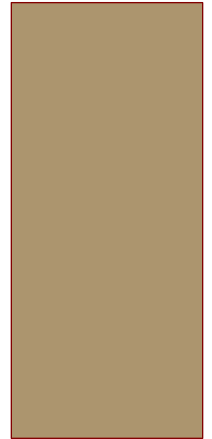




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# ABOUT THE EAS

WHAT AND WHO IS IT FOR?



# WHAT IS THE EAS?

- The Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment (MOVE) Act and State law (13-201-207) require that our State *provide* UOCAVA voters with absentee ballots in an electronic format *and receive* UOCAVA absentee ballots submitted electronically.
- The SOS received a grant from FVAP to implement Montana's Statewide Electronic Absentee System (EAS).
- The EAS allows voters covered under UOCAVA to use the internet to access and easily submit a voter registration application/absentee ballot request and a precinct-specific ballot.



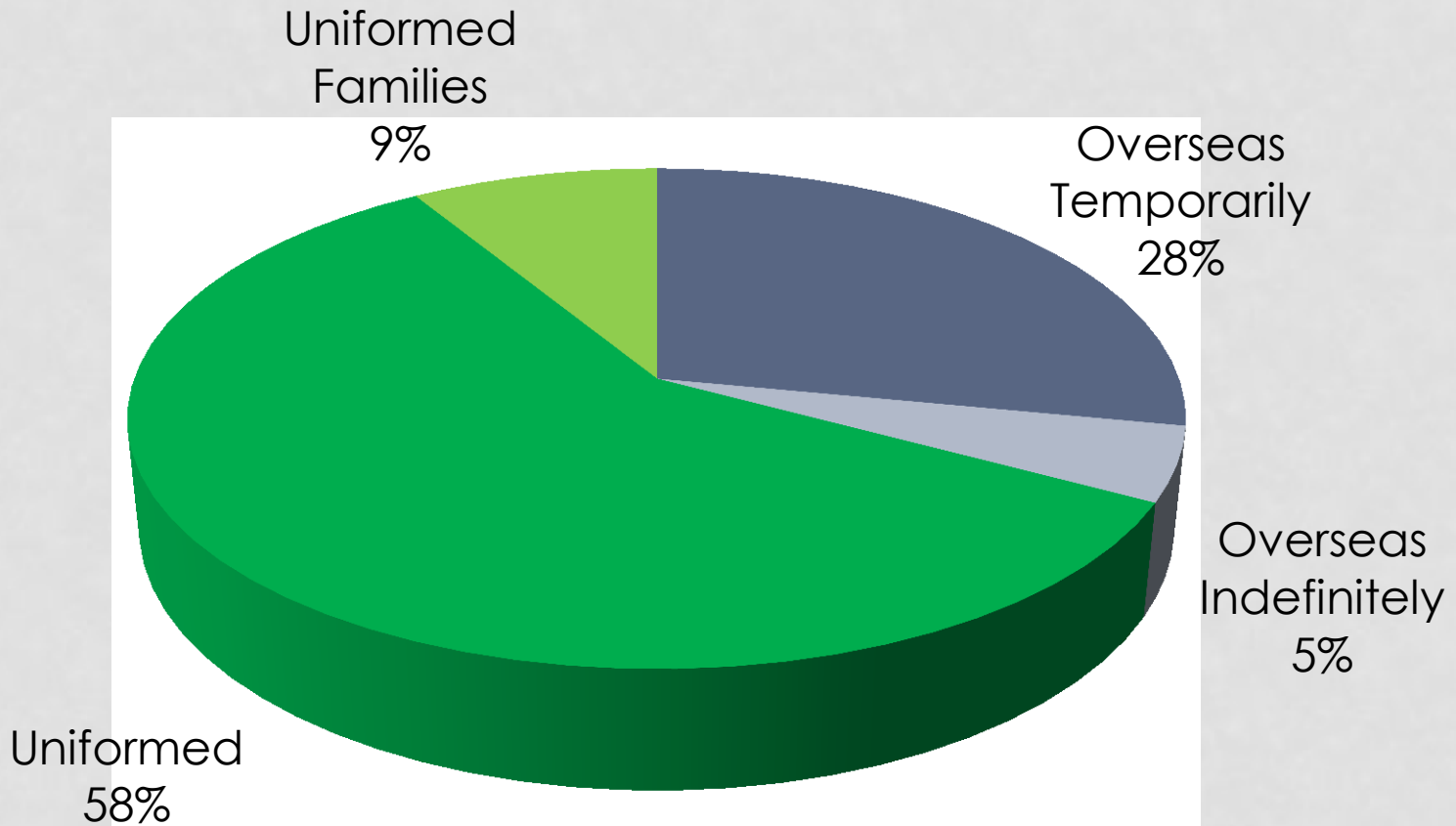
# WHO CAN USE THE EAS?

- Anyone who is covered under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA)
  - Uniformed Service Members and their families
  - Citizens residing outside the US





# 2012 PRIMARY ELECTION EAS USERS





# POP QUIZ!

WHO CAN USE THE EAS?



## POP QUIZ

Can someone who is not flagged  
with UOCAVA status in MT Votes  
use the EAS?

✓ YES!





## POP QUIZ

Can someone who is eligible to vote in Montana, covered under UOCAVA, but not registered to vote in Montana, use the EAS?

✓ YES!



## POP QUIZ

Even if the deadline for regular registration has passed?

✓ YES!



# WHY?

- Hint: It begins with an F and ends with an A and it looks like this



✓ Because the EAS generates an FPCA with every ballot

## Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) Voter Registration and Absentee Ballot Request

A quicker, easier to complete, electronic version of this form is also available on [FVAP.gov](http://FVAP.gov). For any questions about this form, consult your Voting Assistance Officer or the Voting Assistance Guide available in hard copy or on [FVAP.gov](http://FVAP.gov). Please print in black ink.

<b>Classification</b> Make only 1 selection. (In most States, you must be absent from your voting district to use this form.)	1	<input type="checkbox"/> I request an absentee ballot for all elections in which I am eligible to vote AND: <input type="checkbox"/> I am a member of the Uniformed Services or Merchant Marine on active duty OR <input type="checkbox"/> I am their spouse or dependent. <input type="checkbox"/> I am a U.S. citizen residing outside the U.S., and I intend to return. <input type="checkbox"/> I am a U.S. citizen residing outside the U.S., and I do not intend to return. <input type="checkbox"/> I am a U.S. citizen otherwise granted military/overseas voting rights under State law (check the Voting Assistance Guide).	
<b>Political Party</b> To vote in primary elections, your State may require you to specify a political party.	2	Last name <input type="text"/> Suffix <input type="text"/>	
<b>Your legal name</b>	3	First name <input type="text"/> Middle name <input type="text"/> Previous name (if applicable) <input type="text"/>	
<b>Identification</b> (Some States require your full SSN. Check your State's pages in the Voting Assistance Guide on <a href="http://FVAP.gov">FVAP.gov</a> .)	4	Sex <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F Race <input type="text"/> Birth date <input type="text"/> State Driver's License or ID <input type="text"/> OR Social Security Number <input type="text"/>	
<b>Contact information</b> Include international prefixes. No DSN number.	5	Telephone <input type="text"/> Fax <input type="text"/> Email <input type="text"/> Alternate Email <input type="text"/>	
<b>Ballot receipt</b>	6	I prefer to receive my ballot, as permitted by my State, by: <input type="checkbox"/> Email/Online <input type="checkbox"/> Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Fax (rank from 1-3 in order of preference; be sure appropriate contact information is provided above)	
<b>U.S. address for voting purposes</b> Usually your last U.S. residence or your legal U.S. residence. See instructions.	7	Street Address (or P.O. Box) <input type="text"/> Apt. # <input type="text"/> City/Town/Village <input type="text"/> County <input type="text"/> State <input type="text"/> Zip Code <input type="text"/>	
<b>Address where you live now</b> This is different from above. Your voting materials will be sent here, unless you specify a forwarding address in Box 9.	8	<input type="text"/>	
<b>Additional requirements for your State</b> Such as: mail forwarding address, additional phone, or other State required information. See your State's pages in the Voting Assistance Guide on <a href="http://FVAP.gov">FVAP.gov</a> .	9	<input type="text"/>	
<b>Affirmation (REQUIRED):</b> I swear or affirm, under penalty of perjury, that: • I am a member of the Uniformed Services or Merchant Marine on active duty or an eligible spouse or dependent of such a member, or a U.S. citizen temporarily residing outside the U.S., or other U.S. citizen residing outside the U.S., I am a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years of age (or will be by the day of the election), eligible to vote in the requested jurisdiction. • I have not been convicted of a felony or other disqualifying offense or been adjudicated mentally incompetent, or if so, my voting rights have been reinstated. • I am not registering, requesting a ballot, or voting in any other jurisdiction in the U.S. • My signature and date herein indicate when I completed this document. • The information on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that a material misstatement of fact in completion of this document may constitute grounds for conviction of perjury. This information is for official use only. Any unauthorized release may be punishable by law.			
		Signature <input type="text"/>	Print this form, sign, and send in.
		Today's date <input type="text"/>	Witness signature (date required by your State. See the Voting Assistance Guide on <a href="http://FVAP.gov">FVAP.gov</a> ). Signature <input type="text"/> Date <input type="text"/>

Standard Form 76 (Rev. 06-2010)



# DEMO

- [test.vote4montana.us](http://test.vote4montana.us)



# FROM THE PRIMARY

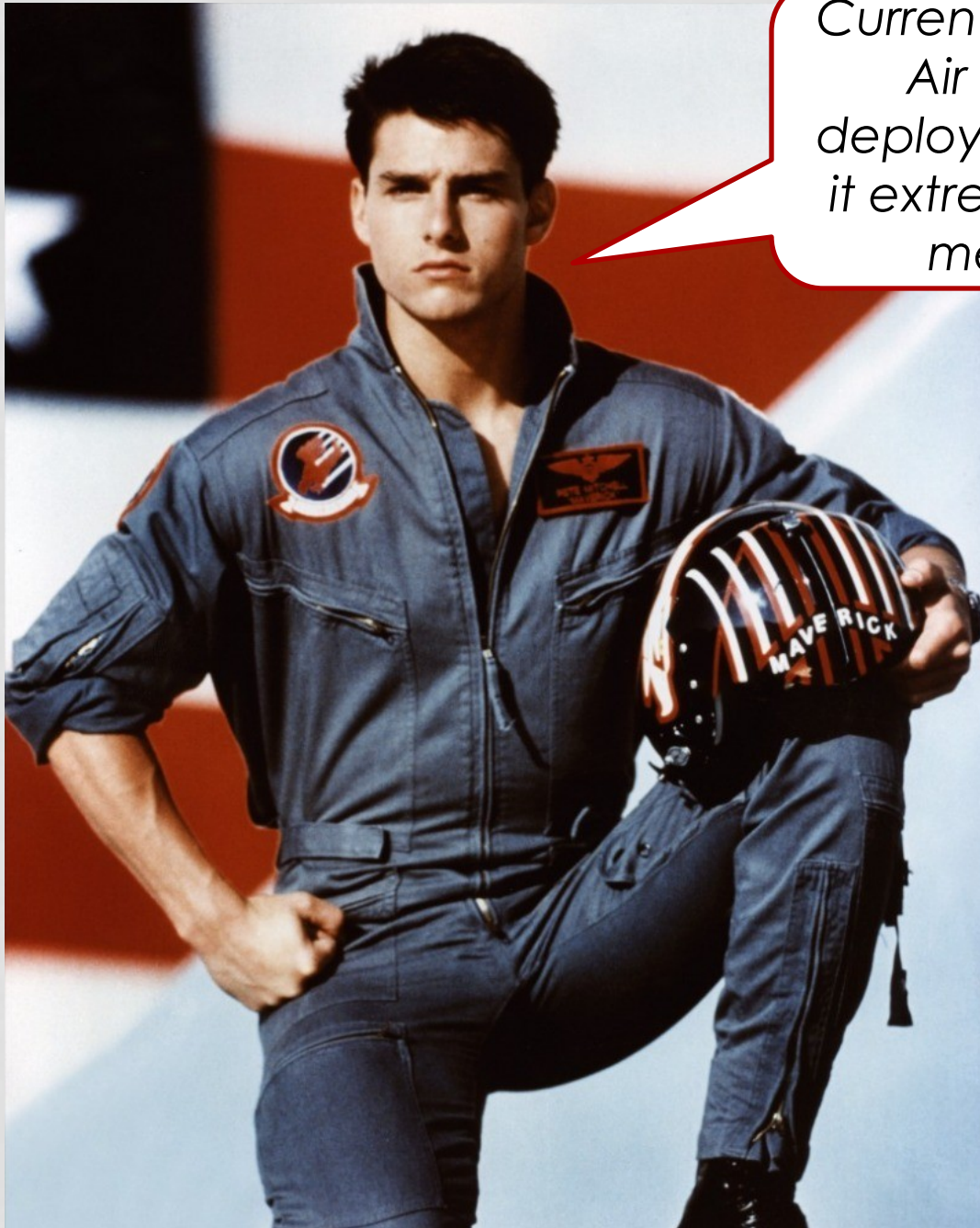
WHAT DID WE LEARN AND HOW CAN WE IMPROVE?

*REAL  
COMMENTS*



*REAL\*  
VOTERS*

\*DRAMATIZATION BY TOM CRUISE AND OUR VOLUNTEERS



Currently active duty  
Air Force and  
deployed. This made  
it extremely easy for  
me to vote.

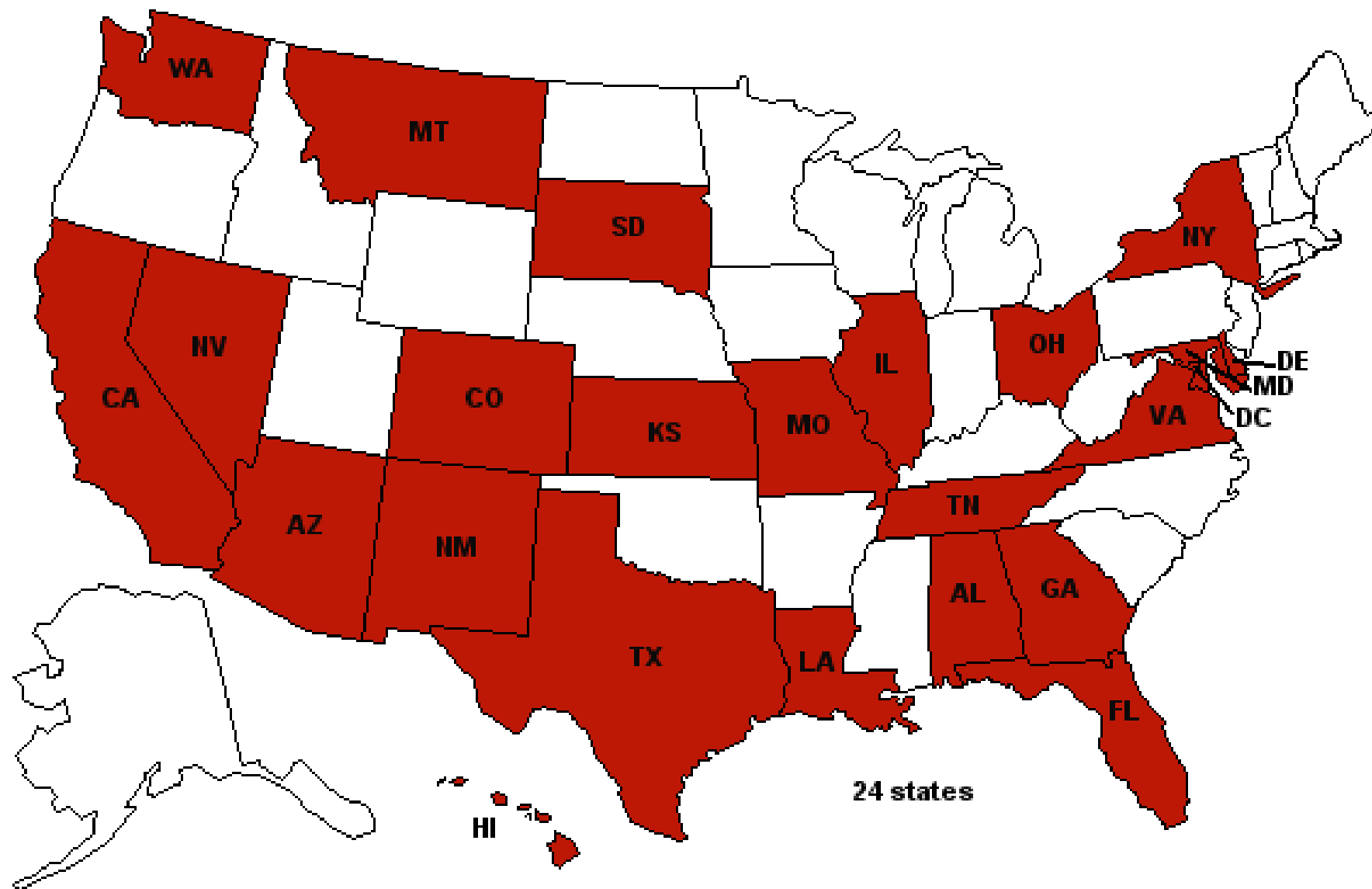




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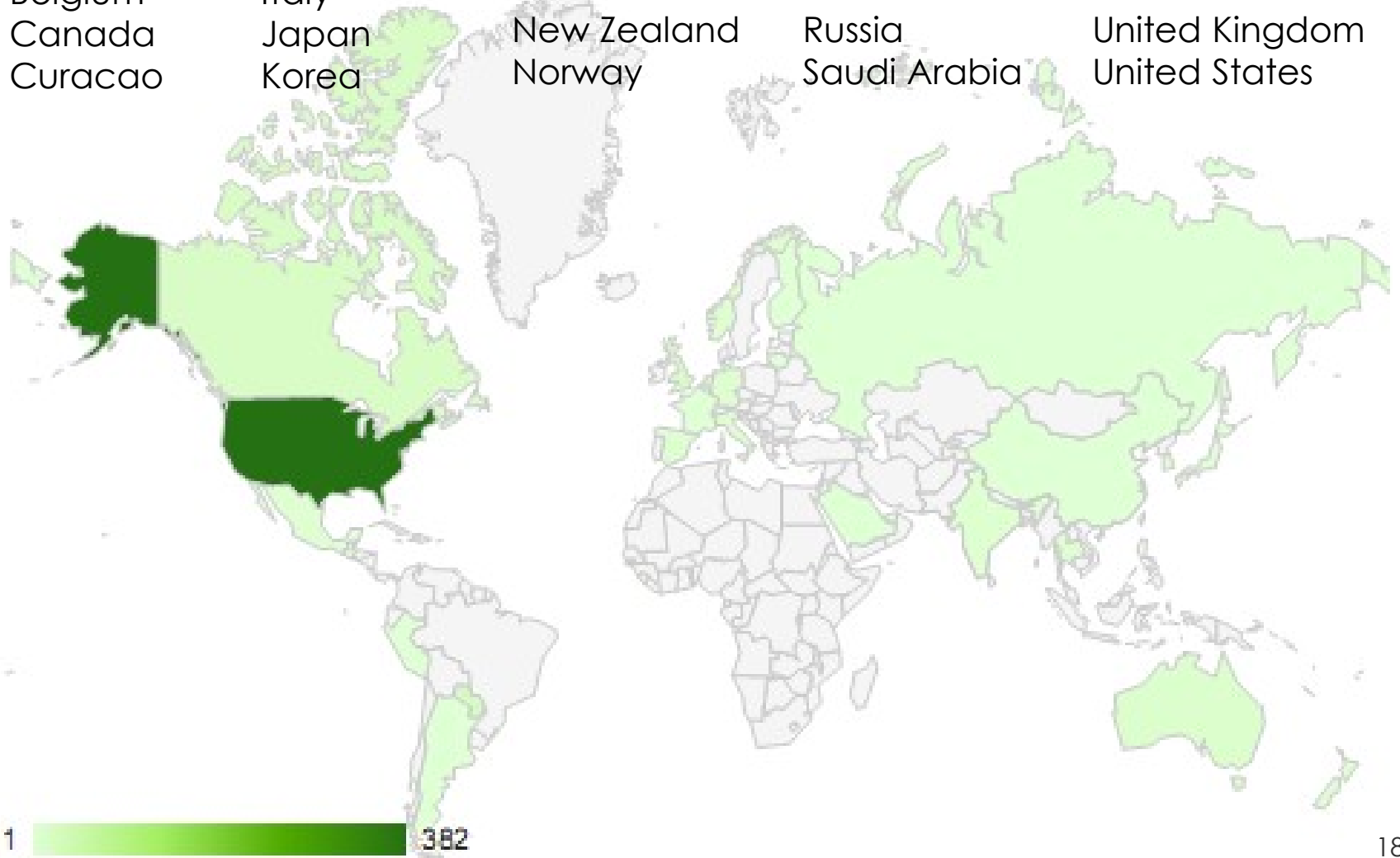
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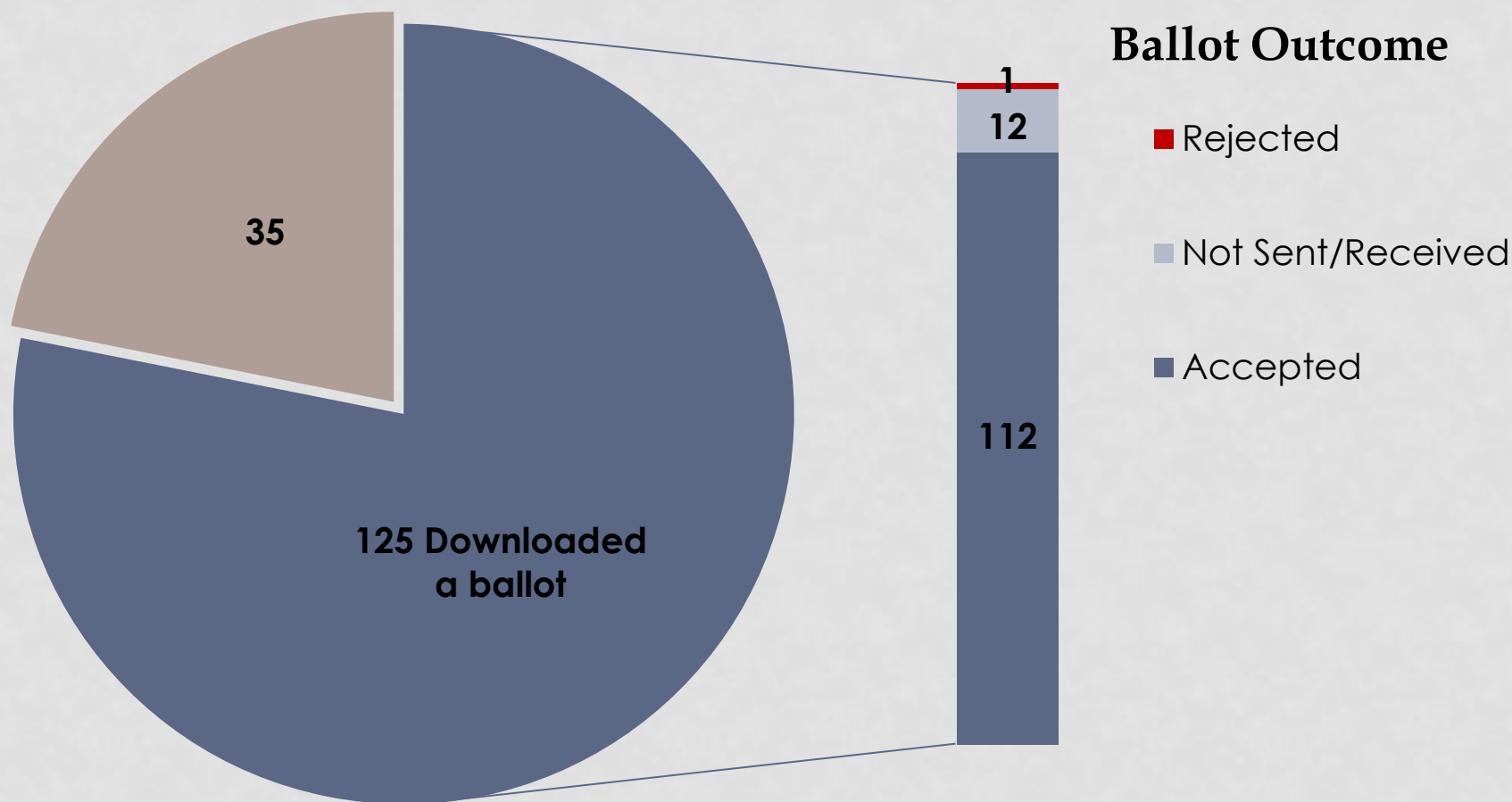
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United Kingdom  
United States





# STATISTICS FROM THE 2012 PRIMARY



**160 Voters Accessed the EAS**

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*This was helpful since I'm deployed to Afghanistan - made it possible, and will make it probable that my vote will actually get counted.*





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- FPCAs are a voter registration application and absentee ballot request in one.
- FPCAs can be used for late registration, even though the voter does not appear in person.
- FPCAs may be transmitted electronically.
- FPCAs do not need to be signed if submitted by email.



## WHY ARE WE TALKING ABOUT FPCAs?

- As mentioned, every PDF generated by the EAS includes a coversheet, **FPCA**, and marked ballot.
- The FPCA is important for three reasons:
  1. Makes sure everyone using the EAS gets registered
  2. Keeps voter's UOCAVA status current
  3. Ensures UOCAVA voters' information stays current, especially mailing address



## WHAT SHOULD WE DO WITH FPCAs?

- Compare the FPCA to MT Votes. Check that the voter is registered with a UOCAVA absentee type.
  - If the voter is not registered, verify their ID # and use the FPCA to register them right away.
  - If the voter is registered but does not have UOCAVA status, use the FPCA to assign a UOCAVA absentee status right away.
  - If the voter is registered with a UOCAVA absentee type and...
    - The residence on the FPCA matches what is in MT Votes, use the FPCA to update their UOCAVA absentee date range right away.
    - The residence on the FPCA is newer than what is in MT votes, issue the ballot for the address currently in MT Votes. Use the FPCA to update the voter's registration after the election.






# ADDING UOCAVA STATUS IN MT VOTES

**Residence** **Absentee** **Contacts** **History** **Voting History**

Dates/Elections	Absentee ...	Address
9/15/2010 To 1/31/2...	Military Ov...	[REDACTED]

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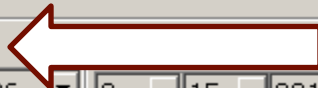
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# ADDING UOCAVA STATUS IN MT VOTES

**Voter Registration - Absentee Detail** [Help](#)

Absentee Type  **To**

Military Overseas 9 15 2010 1 31 2013

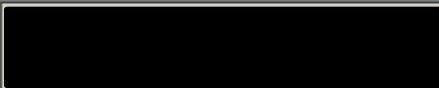
Absentee Application Source Issue Method Issue Details

Mail [ ] [ ]

Date Requested Political Party

09/15/2010 [ ]

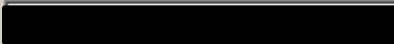
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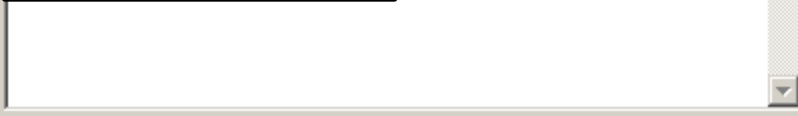


☐ Print Application

**Absentee Address**

Country EMAIL [ ] ☐ USA

Address 



F  
P  
C  
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Aloha! Don't  
forget to enter  
my FPCA while  
I'm away!

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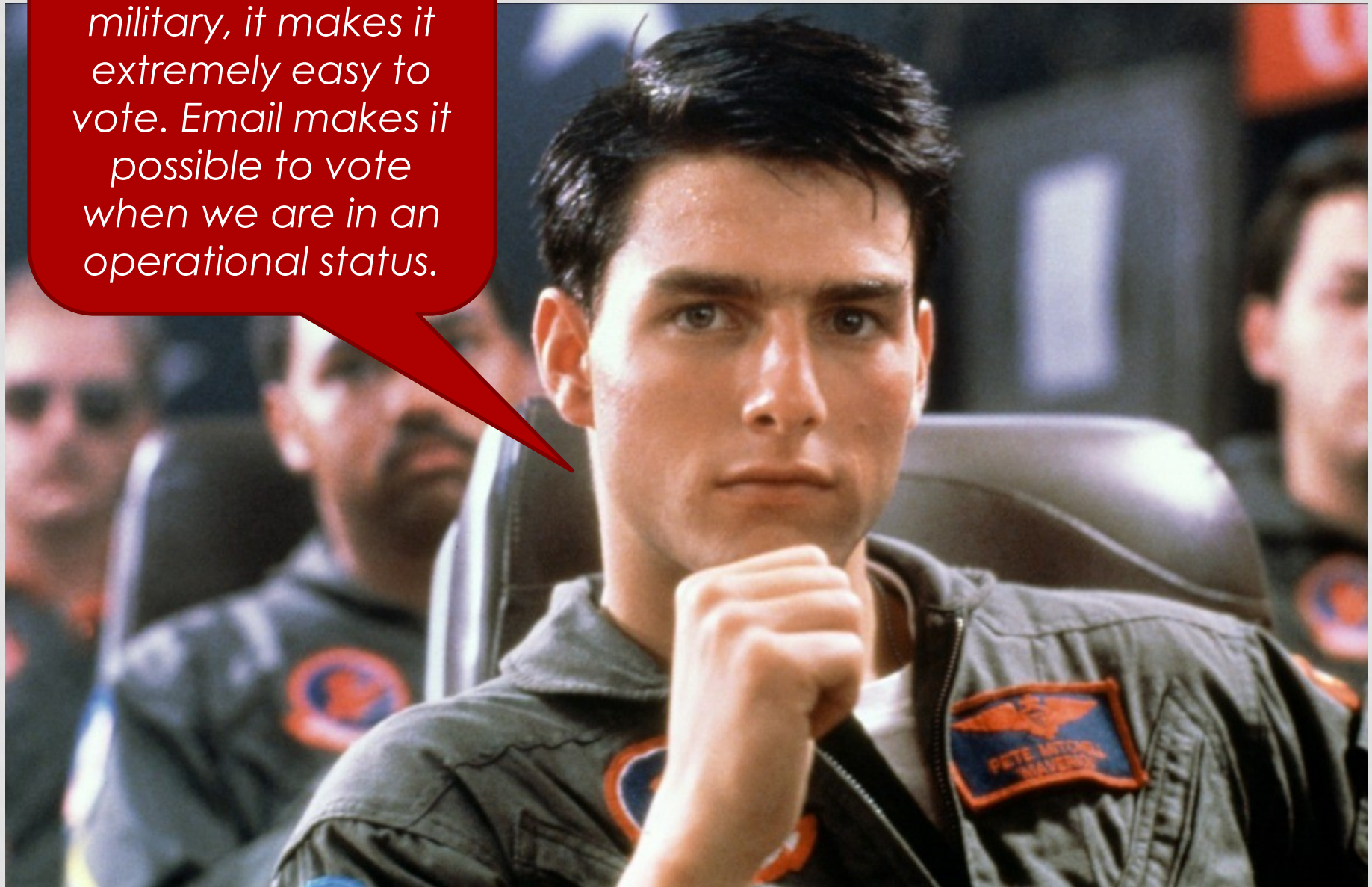


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*As a member of the military, it makes it extremely easy to vote. Email makes it possible to vote when we are in an operational status.*



# 22. Online Voter Registration

## 25. Outreach Program

Montana	Uniformed Service Men	Overseas Civilians	Non UOCAVA	Total
a. Number of voters that sign up to receive	0	0	0	0
b. Number of text messages sent.	0	0	0	0
c. Number of duplicate text messages sent.				

## Uniformed Service Member Overseas Civilians Non UOCAVA Total

3,127	865	638,297	642,289
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## 24. Electronic Absentee System Ballot Delivery

Montana	Uniformed Service Member	Overseas Civilians	Non UOCAVA	Total
a. Number of people that accessed the system.	108	52		160
b. Number of ballots downloaded.	105 ballots by 84 voters	54 ballots by 41 voter		159 ballots by 125 voters
c. Number of ballots returned by postal service	68	38		106
d. Number of ballots returned by fax	0	0		0
e. Number of ballots returned by email	6	1		7
f. Number of ballots downloaded multiple times from the system	36 ballots by 15 voters	21 ballots by 8 voters		57 ballots by 23 voters

### Include Geographic location

	Montana New Mexico Texas United Kingdom Virginia	Norway Russian Federation
g. Number of ballots downloaded from domestic IP addresses	83 ballots by 67 voters	2 ballots by 2 voters
Summary of geographic locations of domestic IP addresses	Alabama	District of Columbia Montana
	Arizona	
	California	
	Colorado	
	District of Columbia	
	Florida	
	Georgia	
	Hawaii	
	Kansas	
	Maryland	
	Missouri	
	Montana	
	New Mexico	
	New York	
	Ohio	
	South Dakota	
	Tennessee	
Texas		
Virginia		
Washington		
h. Number of ballots downloaded from foreign IP addresses.	22 ballots by 17 voters	52 ballots by 39 voters
	Belgium	Australia

### Summary of geographic locations of domestic IP addresses

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#### Summary of domestic IP addresses

Hawaii  
Illinois  
Kansas  
Louisiana  
Maryland  
Missouri  
Montana  
Nevada  
New Mexico  
New York  
Ohio  
South Dakota  
Tennessee  
Texas  
Virginia  
Washington

#### Additional Questions from Report Template

2. Number of applications from domestic IP addresses (please include summary of)

3. Number of applications from foreign IP addresses (please include summary of)

87

6

21

46

Maybe a way to secure the secrecy of the ballots?

Begin active military overseas, this was a last

# REPORTING IS

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Montana	Uniformed Service Member	Overseas Civilians	Non UOCAVA	Total	Rejections	Percentage of Total
3	1			4	115	100%
1				108	94%	
				2	2%	
				5	4%	
				532	100%	
				497	93%	
				22	4%	
				13	2%	
				764	100%	
				333	69%	
				27	63	8%
				0	5	1%
				322	784	100%
				283	712	91%
				38	65	8%
				1	7	1%
				578	892	100%
				541	843	95%
				37	48	5%
				0	1	0%
				23	863	100%
				21	810	94%
				2	44	5%
				0	9	1%
				27	556	100%
				26	538	97%
				1	15	3%
				0	1	0%
				0	1	0%

Summary. (The list does as compared to non-

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*Very easy to access*

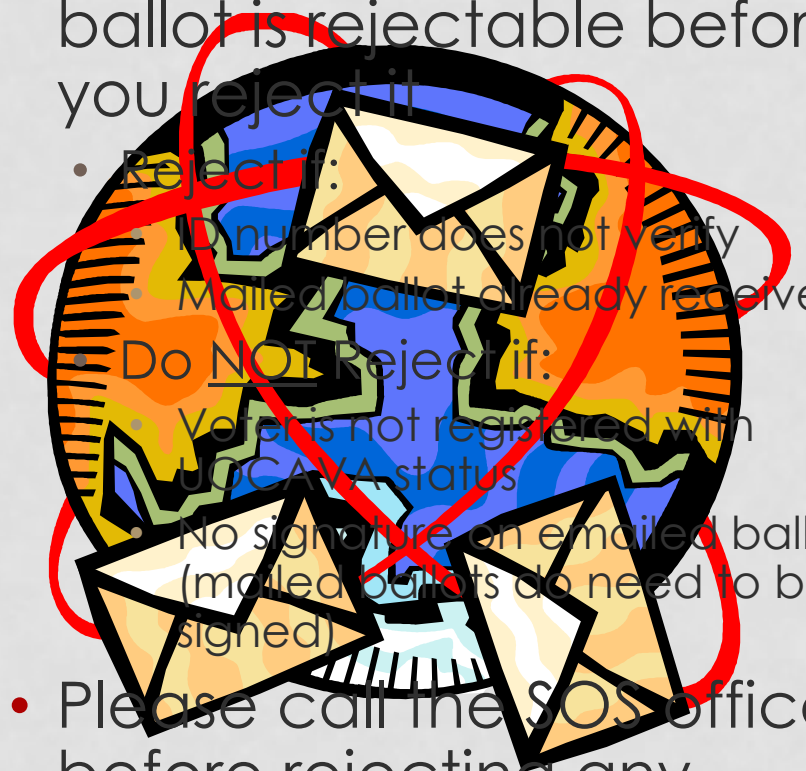






# OUTREACH

- Send more notifications
  - SOS Office will send an email to all UOCAVA electors with email addresses on file, including those who used the EAS in the Primary
- Designate a UOCAVA specialist in your office
- Follow up with voters who downloaded ballots
- Process ballots as they come in
- Make absolutely sure a ballot is rejectable before you reject it
  - ~~Reject if:~~
    - ID number does not verify
    - Mailed ballot already received
  - ~~Do NOT Reject if:~~
    - Voter is not registered with UOCAVA status
    - No signature on emailed ballot (mailed ballots do need to be signed)
- Please call the SOS office before rejecting any ballots





# QUESTIONS?

